



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

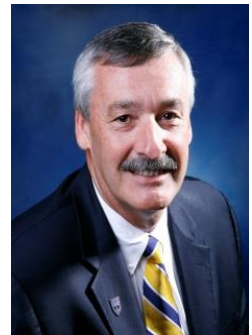
AUGUST BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM ROGER L. MARCUM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR

On the morning of August 5, the Kentucky Board of Education met with search firm representatives and reviewed applications for the commissioner's position. The board was advised by the search firm that since the June 3 board meeting, advertisements for the commissioner's position were placed in both national and state publications, both in print and online. Also, the outreach from the search firm has targeted sitting commissioners of education across the country as well as assistant and associate commissioners and directors of education. Additionally, the firm indicated it has targeted superintendents across the Commonwealth and of large public school districts nationwide.



As of the August board meeting, 334 contacts had been made by the search firm. Of the 334, 37.7% were females and minorities and 56.3% were males. At this point, there were 44 active candidates in the pool.

Round one of the interviews occurred on August 14-15 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville with interviews of 12 individuals.

The next scheduled meeting of the board on this matter will occur on August 25 in Lexington to review the background checks of those candidates that we are considering moving forward in the process. Final interviews are scheduled for August 28-29 in Lexington.

Our goal is to find the very best person to continue the tremendous progress made by the students, teachers and administrators of our state.

BOARD DELAYS INCLUSION OF PGES IN ACCOUNTABILITY

At its August meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education was apprised that the majority of teachers and leaders evaluated in the first year of the statewide implementation of Kentucky's Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) were rated exemplary or accomplished with about a third of certified educators in the state being evaluated each year. In 2014-15, about 16,700 teachers and about 1,400 principals and assistant principals received summative ratings.

The board was presented with the following data on this year's summative ratings:

Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Overall Summative Ratings 2014-15		
Rating	Teachers	Leaders
Exemplary	28%	26%
Accomplished	65.5%	63%
Developing	6.3%	11%
Ineffective	>1%	0%

During its meeting, the board considered different options for how to use teacher and leader effectiveness as a component in the accountability system, as has long been the intention of the board. However, due to the data presented above and concerns expressed by constituency groups, the conclusion was reached that the system might not "be ready for primetime" to include in accountability. Also, concern was expressed that doing so could artificially inflate accountability scores and discourage the professional growth that the system is meant to promote.

The final outcome was a vote by the board not to include educator effectiveness as a specific measure in accountability, but instead to report the aggregate data publicly by district and state and revisit the issue next year.

For more information about this topic, contact Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis at (502) 564-9850, ext. 4151 or via e-mail at Amanda.ellis@education.ky.gov.

BOARD APPOINTS KEVIN C. BROWN AS INTERIM COMMISSIONER

The Kentucky Board of Education named Kevin C. Brown, Associate Commissioner and General Counsel for the Kentucky Department of Education, as interim commissioner of education. Brown will take over the commissioner's duties on September 1 following the retirement of current Commissioner of Education Terry Holliday on August 31 and will serve until a new commissioner is hired and on the job.

Brown is chief attorney for the Commissioner of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education. As Associate Commissioner for the Office of Guiding Support Services, he also oversees the department's Division of Communications and the process for investigating state testing violations.

Previously, Brown was an Assistant Attorney General in Kentucky and a law clerk in the Lexington office of Bowles Rice LLP.

Brown earned a B.A. in Business Management, with a minor in Political Science from Transylvania University. He received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kentucky.

For more information on this topic, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

GAP REQUIREMENTS REVIEWED

Information on how the Kentucky Department of Education is [complying](#) with achievement gap legislation was reviewed by the Kentucky Board of Education. Staff explained that although the Kentucky Department of Education has exceeded its responsibilities under KRS 158.649, the department has additionally and further strengthened its efforts to reduce achievement gaps by adopting a Novice Reduction Plan. Through this plan, the Kentucky Department of Education will work with districts to:

- design and deploy standards
- design and deliver instruction
- design and deliver an assessment literacy process
- review, analyze and apply data results
- design, align and deliver support processes
- establish a learning culture and environment
- align community support partners
- monitor implementation of legal requirements

Board members learned that the most effective strategies within these areas will be identified and shared with schools and districts so they will have resources to use as they review their work focus on Novice Reduction.

For more information on this topic, contact Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster at (502) 564-5130, ext. 4001 or via e-mail at Kelly.foster@education.ky.gov.

BOARD ELECTS LEADERSHIP FOR 2015-16

As part of the August meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education elected Roger L. Marcum of Bardstown to continue as its chair for 2015-16 and Jonathan Parrent of Princeton to continue as vice chair. This will be Marcum's third term as chair and Parrent's second term as vice chair.

For more information on this topic, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

FUTURE MEETING DATES APPROVED

As is customary at this point in the year, the Kentucky Board of Education reviewed its meeting schedule for 2014-15 and 2015-16 and then set dates for 2016-17. The following meeting schedule resulted from this discussion:

KBE Meeting Dates for 2015

October 6, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 9, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates for 2016

February 3, 2016	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 13, 2016	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 8, 2016	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 3-4, 2016	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 4-5, 2016	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 7, 2016	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates for 2017

February 8, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 12, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 7, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 2-3, 2017	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 3-4, 2017	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 6, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on meeting dates, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Kentucky Tech System Policies and Procedures
- Minutes from the June 2-3, 2015 Regular Meeting and July 10, 2015 Special Meeting
- District Facility Plans for Carter County, Hancock County, Marion County, Meade County, and Robertson County
- District Facility Plan Amendments for the Corbin Independent and Kenton County School Districts
- 2014-15 Tax Rate Levied for the Johnson County School District
- 702 KAR 1:170, School District Data Security and Breach Procedures (Second Reading)
- Waiver Request of 702 KAR 5:030, Section 22, from the Jefferson County Public Schools
- Appointment of Sam Hinkle to The Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky Board
- Attendance of Bill Twyman, Grayson Boyd and Jonathan Parrent to the NASBE national conference
- Interviews of up to 16 candidates for the commissioner of education's position

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Funding Recommendations
- Kentucky's Equitable Access to Effective Educators Plan

- Hope Street Group Update
- Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Update
- 2016-18 Biennial Budget Update for the Kentucky Board of Education
- Kentucky Board of Education's Legislative Agenda for the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly
- Status Update on School Districts in State Assistance
- Status Update on State Management in the Breathitt County School District
- Review of the Commissioner's and Board's Expenses
- KDE Employment Report (All offices except Office of Career and Technical Education)
- KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education only)
- Minority Recruitment in Career and Technical Education
- Kentucky Board of Education Policy Manual
- Kentucky Board of Education Policy Issues Chart

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the August 5, 2015, retreat meeting and August 6, 2015, regular meeting, conducted in Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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